

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is one of the most widely recognized substance abuse and violence prevention programs in America; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years D.A.R.E. has brought specially trained police officers into classrooms to teach students about the importance of making healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. instructors educate young people about the dangers of illegal drugs, and help to heal those who have fallen into addiction by disrupting the market for illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Idaho there are 49 D.A.R.E. officers who cover 17 school districts, 122 individual schools, and impact over 20,891 students; and

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. strengthens communities by introducing students to local police officers and teaching them to become good citizens; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans will continue to work toward a society in which all of its citizens are free from the devastating influence of illegal drugs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2005, to be

NATIONAL D.A.R.E. DAY

in Idaho, and I call upon our youth, parents, educators, and all Idahoans to join in the effort to reduce illegal drug use by expressing appreciation for the health care professionals, law enforcement officials, volunteers, teachers, and all those who help young people avoid the dangers of illegal drugs and violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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